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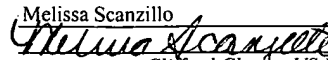
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Docket No. 7227-270 (formerly 10722.270)

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In re Application of: Rocco De Lillo

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Group Art Unit: 2817

Serial No: 09/711,118

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

This is a request for a Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R § 1.114 of the above identified patent application. (For applications on or filed after 5/29/2000)

1. ☒ Please consider the following previous submissions and enter if necessary:
 - ☒ Amendment after Final and Terminal Disclaimer filed on September 26, 2003
 - ☐ arguments in the Appeal or Reply brief filed on
2. ☐ Applicants request a suspension of action for the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months.
(Maximum of 3 months. Fee under 1.17(i) required)

ENCLOSED is the following:

3. ☒ Amendment (to cancel claim 40)
4. ☐ Declaration
5. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449
6. ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time for the Parent application
7. ☐ Power of Attorney or authorization of agent
8. ☐ Other:

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FILING FEE: calculated below (after accounting for entry of unentered amendment and preliminary amendment if noted above):

RCE Fee					\$770.00
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid for	Extra Claims	Fee for each extra claim	Additional Fee
Total Claims	23	20	0	\$18.00	0.00
Independent Claims	3	3	0	\$86.00	0.00
First Presentation of Multiple dependent claim			+ \$280		0
Sub-Total					\$770.00
Small Entity?			less 50%		-385.00
1.17(i) Petition Fee for suspension of action			add \$130		0
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$385.00

10. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$385.00 in connection with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0521.

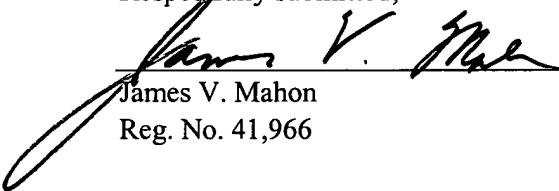
In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted in the pending prior application, and in the event that a separate petition for the pending prior application is not filed on even date, applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R.1.136(a) for an extension of time in the pending prior application of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due in connection with such a petition to Deposit Account No. 50-0521.

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